

WASHINGTON NEWS - GOSSIP

By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 30.—The three-in-one prohibition bill has at least one part that will stir up a rumormongers. It is title III, and refers to alcohol for industrial purposes and the withdrawal of it by health authorities in time of epidemics. Rep. Goodknight was the member of the committee who recalled to mind the influenza epidemic when alcohol in the form of plain, old-fashioned, high-powered whiskey was used by the bar in the treatment of the disease. It was shipped into training camps by the railroad and, for a time, it looked as if the prohibitionists were going to make it an issue, but they thought better of it and didn't. The boys were dying off too fast and the temper of the country was not such just then to be patient with the quibbling and faultfindings of legislative reformers. Booze was the only preventive and antidote that the doctors all agreed was effective in a large percentage. Mr. Goodknight's part of the bill seeks to meet the demands of such an epidemic when it comes in the time of national dryness and torridity.

William Henry Morgan whose distinguished family gave to the map of West Virginia the corporation of Morgantown, stopped off in the Capital to tell his friends that he had at last seen the Great White Way and at a time when the sands of the desert are about to sweep down and over it and douse out most of the glimmer, the dining palaces and the drinking fountains. Mrs. Morgan, a familiar of New York herself, decided that it was high time that Friend Husband should see the Big Town, and that the best time was right now before July first settled down upon it and all the orange-colored joints cease to be and the gay cabarets become but pleasant memories of old men once young and full of jazz 'n' everything. So she took Bill over and showed him what he had been missing for forty odd years, and Bill like the place. And he will regret and go on regretting never having found it many years ago. "My idea of heaven were all wrong, it was New York I was thinking about all these years," Bill is going to tell the boys at the Chancellor's restaurant in Parkersburg, in which town Bill is a prominent citizen. The boys will likely get themselves into a peck of trouble at home by staying down town till 7-45 to hear Bill tell of the things he saw and the things he did when, ten days ago, he and Mrs. Bill betook themselves out of hearing of the Parkersburg curfew bell.

Strategy was more powerful than fanaticism with the prohibitionists when it came to insisting, as they at heart wanted to, on the war-time enforcement part of their bill (title I), that it be as extreme as the part (title II) that is intended to enforce constitutional prohibition after next January. And back of strategy was the fear of "reaction" on public sentiment. They thought it best not to push it too far during the war-time period, lest the country's sentiment might flop over and constitutional prohibition be indefinitely laid on the shelf. There are a lot of people traveling about who will tell you that public sentiment is in the process of flipping right now, but the prohibitive sentiment that as pitiful and "wet" propaganda, preferably propaganda backed by the "German brewers." Charging the latter with all opposition is thought to be near work, considering war sentiment and all that, but any way, it is to be noticed that when the drys agreed to let war-time prohibition go practically without any code of laws for its enforcement, they felt it the better part of wisdom not to take any risk with the main proposition—national constitutional prohibition next year. Public sentiment is about as variable and as changeable a commodity as the United States has, and there is such a thing as pushing a patient people's personal liberties too hard. That is the way that the Anti-Saloon League poli-

ticians figured it—and few will feel like arguing with them that they figured it wrong. For they sure didn't.

Zachary Taylor Vinson was pointed out in Peacock Alley as one of literature's newest and most brilliant lights. Mr. Vinson who, when he is at home is at Huntington, has been brilliant in law, finance and politics for many years. It was only recently that he blossomed out as an author of a 250 page book that is attracting the attention of thoughtful men. That is enough to say that "Reorganization of the Railways" is not expected to be a "best seller." Our volume for review purposes has not arrived, but we have it on the word of the publisher's press sheet that the "Vinson plan" provides the way to complete government regulation with private ownership and operation. Also that "High points as distinguished from any other plan now before the public, include the establishment of a National Transportation court, with original and appellate jurisdiction, with the reorganization of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the power of appeal from the Commission to the National Transportation Court." De Morgan wrote his first volume, a trilogy, at 45. Col. Vinson did not wait so long; he is still a young man; at any rate, he has young ideas. This initial work is full of promise of others yet to come; a substantial contribution to the volumes of the five-foot-shelf yet to be made by this new native author.

Harry Chapman Woodward wears the silliest and loudest shirts of all the House members and that is the reason that the rest of them are jealous. In explanation, Harry Chapman says that he didn't pick 'em. Man-like, he "blames it on the wimmen."

Some miscreant spiked the lemonade of the House Judiciary committee. By a strict partisan majority, the prohibition members got the most of it. And that was the day that they decided to let up on war-time prohibition enforcement.

Evening Chat

Grandmothers of Today.

I've just been wondering what the babies who will be born in the next ten years are doing to do for grandmothers. Surely one can't expect the well-groomed, girlish appearing woman who today is rounding into her late forties to settle down into real life grandmothers in time to dose and pet and coddle these babies who are yet unborn. And I have also been wondering just how it would feel to have one of these young mothers for one's very own. Fortunately or unfortunately I came near the end of a large family of children and as a consequence the mother's young womanhood had slipped past before I came into the world and this fact is perhaps the reason that I have always entertained a feeling that a young mother would not be at all satisfying despite the columns I have read about the advantage of the young mother growing up with her daughters and sons.

The other day I saw a mother with a fourteen year old daughter, and even in this day when age has apparently been conquered I think any stranger would have been startled had he known the truth. They were dressed very much alike, had much the same manner and both seemed to view the world with the same lightness of heart. They might easily have been taken for chummy sisters. Yes, it was appealing to the onlooker but in my heart rose the question, "Is it satisfying?"

My mother was of the old school and I dare say at thirty she had donned a bonnet thinking that a hat was too frivolous for one of her age. In fact I have heard her say that she had not married until late in life having attained the mature age of twenty-five. Twenty-five—late in life—and we are giddy at twice that. But I am not for one minute censuring the age-defying women of today for what are years but an advantage anyhow. And why should one because of them, retire to the corner and not make use of the wisdom gained through real experience. But it was of the babies I was thinking and what they will do for real grandmotherly coddling, if grandmother, perchance, is on the goli links of driving her roadster many miles away. But there is one bright

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side—this is: the baby won't know what he has missed and neither will grandmother so there can't be any great harm done.

'Festivals.'

While driving through the country—just at dusk—a few evenings ago I passed a pretty lawn surrounding a suburban home. On this lawn was arranged a number of small tables with white covers and set as though ready to serve. A glance further away on the lawn revealed several large ice cream freezers while on a large stand near the freezers were mounds of something neatly covered over with papers which I felt sure were "layer" cakes and perhaps strawberries.

A number of people mostly women, were hovering expectantly about putting a spoon here and a napkin there and I immediately sensed that there was to be a "strawberry and ice cream festival" and that soon the lawn would be teeming with people, young and old, who would assemble to partake of the repast and incidentally have dimes and quarters which would later perhaps find their way into some church or benevolent society coffers.

The ice cream and strawberry festival, except in the rural districts is almost a thing of the past—the soda fountains and ice cream parlors having driven them "to cover" and church societies have had to seek some other means to enrich their treasuries.

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